



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 2834

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For: MAGNETIC FLUID BEARING MOTOR EMPLOYING POROUS SLEEVE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -
GROUP ART UNIT 2834

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 10, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 2, 3, 7 and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please AMEND claims 1 and 6 as follows:

- 1 1. (Twice Amended) A magnetic fluid bearing motor provided with a bearing assembly, the bearing
- 2 assembly comprising:
- 3 a shaft formed partly or wholly of a ferromagnetic substance;

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